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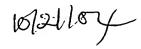
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on July 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification – no amendments to the specification are sought herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.